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1. IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGH PROFILE OF TOP MILITARY PERSONALITIES FOR ARMY DAY, SEVEN OUT OF TEN MILITARY REGION (MR) COMMANDERS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL PUT IN APPEARANCES ON ARMY DAY. ON THE APPEARANCES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WERE THOSE OF LI TEH-SHEN IN SHENYANG, CONTINUING A RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE FOLLOWING A LONG PERIOD OF ABSENCE (HK 8420), AND HIN CHI-WEI IN CHENG TU. CHIN LAST APPEARED IN HIS HOME BASE ON FEBRUARY 7.

2. AMONG THE NON-SHOWS, HAN HSIEN-CHU, HEAVILY CRITICIZED LAST YEAR AS AN ASSOCIATE OF LIN PIAO AND THE NOMINAL MR COMMANDER IN LANCHOW, IS PROBABLY STILL IN PEKING. HE HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED WITH MR TITLE THERE FOR ALMOST

A YEAR AND HIS LAST AND ONLY PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN LANCHOW WAS JANUARY 1974. IN THE NANKING MR, NO NAMES WERE LISTED AT THE CELEBRATION. ALTHOUGH THIS ALSO HAPPENED LAST YEAR, THE ABSENCE OF NAMES MAY BE CONNECTED WITH RECETT MILITARY SHIFTS AND THE PLA INVOLVEMENT IN CHEKIANG, PART OF THE NANKING MR (HK 8610) HE KUNMING MR IS THE ONLY REGION TO DATE IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF AN ARMY DAY OBSERVENCE.

3. WANG CHIA- TAI'S RETURN FROM PEKING "STUDY SESSIONS" WAS NOTED BY HIS APPEARANCE IN SHENYANG , PRESUMABLY STILL AS A DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THAT MR. THIS SEEM FURTHER INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT WAGG HAS LOST HIS TOP PARTY AND GOVERNMENT POSTS IN HEILUNGKIANG. (EARLIER, WHILE WANG WAS APPARENTLY STILL IN PEKING. A HEILUNGKIANG BROADCAST CITED AN UNANMED SPEAKER AS "THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBLE PERSON" OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE--- HK 2262). IN ANOTHER "BACK-TO-THE-BARRACKS" MOVE, YANG TA-I, FORMERLY PARTY SECRETARY, REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN, AMD MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER IN HUNAN, APPEARS ALSO TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A STRICTLY MILITARY POST IN SHENYANG. YANG TOO WAS HEAVILY CRITICIZED BY POSTER-PROTESTERS LAST YEAR.

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